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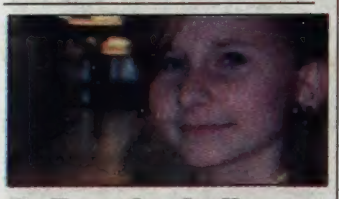

Ruling the halls

Teghan Dodds and Owen Duhaime share their mature views of life.

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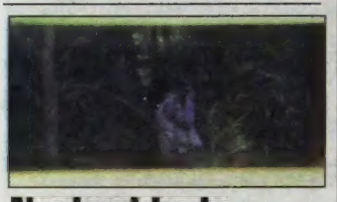

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Police have confirmed that tHarley Walker's remains found near Norland.

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Rotary president Bill Obee is about to lead an exchange to Africa.

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Fire destroys cottage

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times staff

No one knows what caused the fire that destroyed the Coffey cottage on the north shore of Big Hawk Lake last Sunday. The entire cottage, several outbuildings and forested area surrounding the property turned to ash as local fire departments raced to the scene by boat to prevent the flames from spreading.

"There's not a building on the Coffey property left standing," said Stanhope District Chief Keith Thomas.

Thomas was in the second boat to arrive on scene. He was accompanied by 16 Stanhope firefighters and roughly 10-12 Dorset and Oxtongue fire officials. Next door neighbours Craig and Pat Kinch spotted the fire and called the fire department immediately, said Thomas. Firefighters got the call around 3:30 p.m. and were on site until 8:45 p.m. but nothing was salvageable.

"We think it originated at the back of the main cottage be it a shed or BBQ staging area. We're not 100 per cent sure because it was total loss. No residences were on scene. We couldn't get any feedback as to what they were doing last," said Thomas.

The fire spread so rapidly that is made its way to Bob McGhee's residence just west of the Coffey property. He said Mr. Coffey called to apologize about the fire. McGhee made it up to his cottage on Monday from his Windsor home to speak with officials and assess damage to his property.

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Tax to go up 4.7 per cent in Minden

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times staff

Minden residents will have to dig a little deeper into their pockets this year.

On Thursday Minden Hills council will pass a budget that will likely result in a 4.7 per cent municipal tax hike for residents.

Last Friday council members held a special public budget meeting to finalize this year's budget.

Council says the tax hike is a result of county council's 6.3 per cent tax rate increase. Factoring in the municipal, county and education rate (which remained the same this year), this will result in an overall 3.46 per cent tax rate increase.

Preliminary numbers indicate that those who reside in Algonquin Highlands will get a 2.6 per cent tax increase,

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Martha Perkins/TIMES

A sweet landing

Three-year-old Own Harrison and his friend Zachary Davis of Minden were fascinated by the planes as they came down from the skies for their landing. On Saturday and Sunday, the Stanhope Airport hosted a fly-in pancake breakfast and dozens of pilots took advantage of the invitation to drop by. See more photos on pg 19.

Algonquin Highlands sees lowest tax hike

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times staff

Algonquin Highlands passed this year's municipal budget last Thursday, raising taxes 2.63 per cent.

What this means for residents is that for every $100,000 in property assessment, property taxes will be $725.54. Last year property owners had to fork over $706.98 for every $100,000 of property assessment so this year's increase is $18.56.

Monies are split between three categories: the municipality will take $265, $196.54 will go to the county and $264 is allocated for education.

Capital spending increased quite a bit this year. Council will spend $1.2 million on capital projects for the roads department, fire department, the airport, museum, recreation facilities and administration compared to $465,753 in 2006.

The significant increase is in large part due to road construction. Bridge and culvert construction will cost the municipality $410,000 but residents don't need to hold their breath. A provincial and federal grant will absorb $350,000 of that.

Allocating $50,000 to road construction of Harvey Avenue East in Dorset this year may be reconsidered. Operations manager Brian Whetstone spoke with the residents who didn't seem keen on the proposed changes. "After a site visit with residents and review of the current structures, some minor drainage repairs are going to be done and the road will be left as is," said Whetstone.

COA Lorne Mitchell says that the township is considering reallocating the money. But roads that will definitely see improvements are Green Lake Road and West Road with a total cost of $55,000. Resurfacing on general roads around the area will eat up an additional $83,000.

Managing local waste will cost a hefty $883,653 but that includes the operation of all municipal landfill sites: Maple Lake, Hawk Lake, Pine Springs, Dorset and Oxtongue. The McClintock sewage

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Fire spread to neighbours, but was promptly controlled

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"Thankfully the neighbours and fire department saved my main cottage. I lost some outbuildings: a Bunkie, storage shed, and pump house. I was kept abreast of the situation by phone," said McGhee.

McGhee wasn't present when the fire occurred but Kierra Reid was on hand to witness the destruction of the Coffey home. She was taking a leisurely flight with Al Beick and her brother, Spencer when she discovered the property in distress.

"A friend of ours took us out flying and we saw smoke in the air so we flew down closer to it. He thought it might have been a bonfire but once we knew it was a fire, he called it in," said Reid.

Spencer was co-piloting the aircraft when they identified what had happened.

"We couldn't get close up. The building was engulfed. It was an enclosed area and the fire and smoke was coming up from something behind the house. It looked like a garage," she said.

Firefighters put out the blaze.

Two helicopters and a water bomber from the Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Bush Crew were called in as a precautionary measure but were not used to help put out the flames.

Fellow cottager Carol Wilkinson, one of the Coffey's neighbours three houses down, was one of many residents who came to help. Wilkinson was taking a nap when the Kinch's woke her up to news that her neghbour's place was aflame.

"The wood bin behind the cottage was on fire. We tried to do what we could. A lot of people were trying to get buckets to throw water. Then the propane tanks started going off. It was very hot, my lips are burnt,"

Wilkinson says that the speedy response from fire fighters was what saved the McGhee cottage. Her and other locals did all they could, running back and forth from water sources to try and stabilize the fire.

"We were trying to keep the fire from spreading," said McGhee.

Little Hawk Lake resident Don Stewart was also on hand to help with the blaze. He was operating his own water pump to help subdue the forest fire on the residential property.

"I would guess 30 to 40 people helping. There was a huge bucket brigade," said Stewart.

Stewart says it was thanks to the work of Keith Thomas and all the individuals at the fire department that the situation was controlled. He wants all firefighters who were at the scene to be commended for their hard work.

"They are amazing guys and really worked hard. The firemen are incredible. We are very fortunate to have them. Keith Thomas needs a great pat on the back and so do the Ministry of Natural Resources guys," says Stewart.

With aircrafts flying overhead and a slew of firefighters, it's commonplace for people to stop and stare. However, many locals took a proactive attitude in helping out their friends in uniform.

"We had lots of help from the cottagers on the lake as far as boat transportation and some of them helped pull hoses out of boats and carrying things uphill," said Thomas.

McGhee agrees. Thanks to quick-thinking firefighters and local residents, he will still be able to enjoy his cottage getaway.

"There was help from the fast arrival of the Stanhope fire department and residents who were well coordinated with pales and garbage buckets and everything else," he said.

He and local firefighters were also treated to some delicious food thanks to a local eatery that wanted to fill the empty stomachs of some hard working men and women.

"The nice people at That Place in Carnarvon made us pizzas and Dorset Station 60 Hall sent down sausages on a bun. We had a really good dinner over there," said Thomas.

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Ruling the halls of ASES

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times staff

Being a prime minister takes a lot of courage. As the highest representative of the people, the every-day challenges of long meetings, organizing schedules and attending public events can be downright exhausting. There's never a moment of rest.

It's a wonder how top officials balance such hectic schedules.

Are Minden residents aware that there are two such individuals who live right in town? Introducing Archie Stouffer Elementary School co-prime ministers Teghan Dodds and Owen Duhaime.

Teghan and Owen have already racked up quite the résumé. Only 13 years old, the pair has accumulated an impressive list of extra curricular activities.

There's no doubt that these two Minden students are ready for the big league. Currently in their last year at ASES, both will be attending Haliburton Highlands Secondary School this fall.

"I can't wait to go to high school. J.D Hodgson and Archie Stouffer Elementary School will come together and that's really good. You get the chance to meet more friends," says Owen.

Teghan is equally excited to attend high school this year. She's well aware of the new responsibilities that come with attending secondary school, and is eagerly awaiting the challenges.

"I like the idea of independence and personal responsibility. It's your job to look after yourself. You also have to learn to lookout for yourself," she said.

Their responses are those of true politicians. It's apparent these two are well groomed and well spoken; they've even mastered the art of finding balance in life.

"You have to prioritize your commitments," says Teghan. "I used to do too many things. You have to be unafraid to give up one activity. Its great to do a lot of things but you have to make sure it doesn't stress you out because life is suppose to be fun."

They are both very aware that their positions as prime ministers and student leaders have an impact on the way their classmates perceive them. Always humble, the pair said they recognize the value of being looked up to.

"It's kind of strange. With me I know I'm doing it because I like it and not because I want people to see me as popular. When people compliment me and I feel good but I hope people know I'm active because I like it, not for any other reason," says Teghan.

Owen says, "I don't strive for popularity. I don't care if I have one friend or a million. I want to have fun and I want to do what I want to do."

Owen is a member in his school's basketball, volleyball, and track and field team. Outside of ASES, he can be seen kicking the ball like Beckham with the Stanhope soccer league.

During the summer months, this ambitious youngster also takes to the waters, enjoying the thrills of riding the rapids in a white water kayak.

A passion for sports is without a doubt a defining characteristic for Owen. Out of all the games he has participated in, one competitive sport stands out as his favourite.

"I would choose curling over any other sport. In the winter I curl every weekend in Peterborough with Team Minty," he said.

The tiring drives out of town are no match for Owen's go-getter attitude. He just loves the camaraderie he shares with his teammates. Through all his activities, it's apparent that Owen has a passion for people, and this something he shares with his classmate Teghan.

"I'm part of the volleyball and soccer team, but I try out for all the sports at school," she says.

Teghan never seems to stop. She uses her lunch time to help monitor a Grade 3 class and acts as supervisor for junior level students for an after-school program.

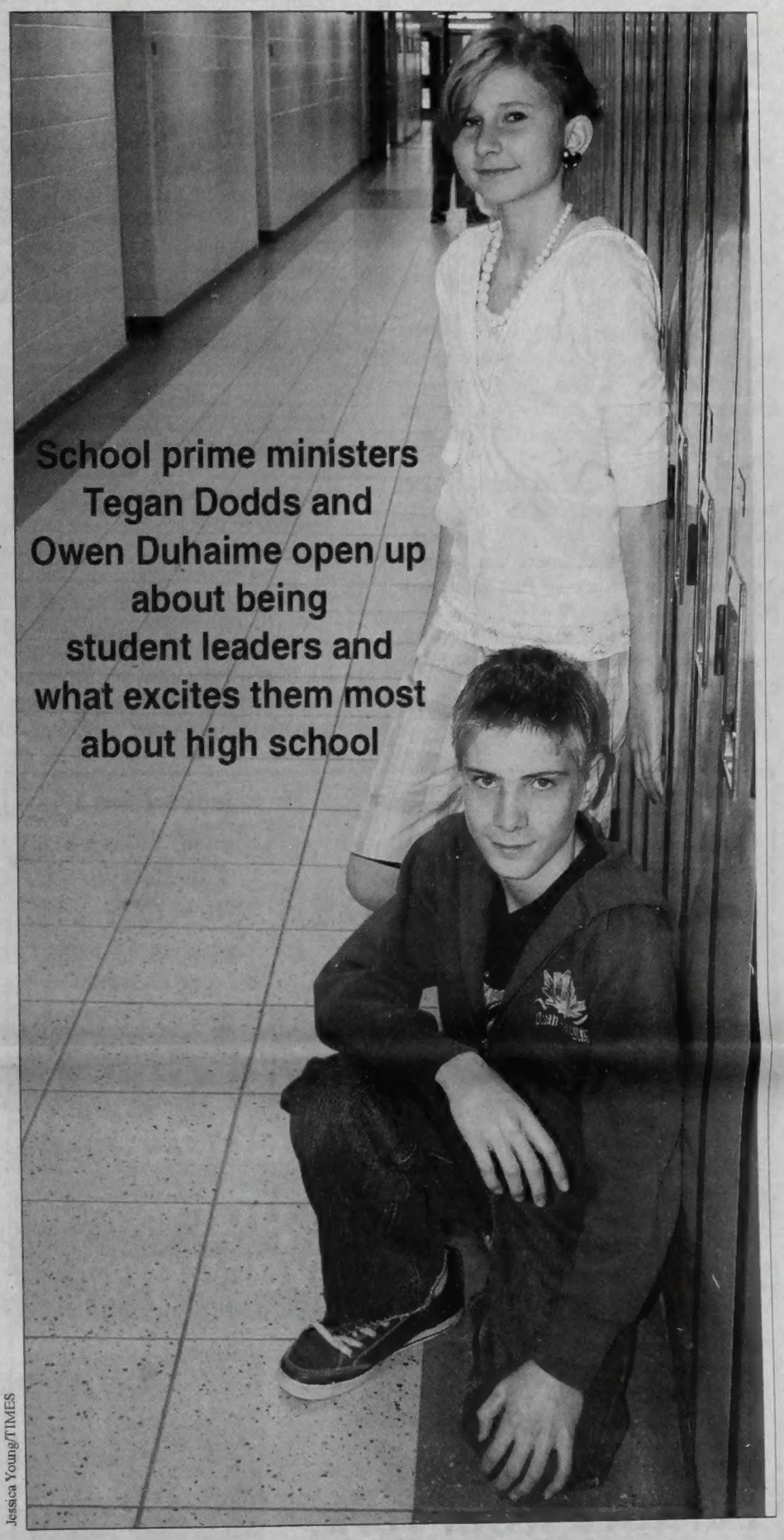
If that wasn't enough, the young star also squeezes in time to feed her artistic hunger.

"I did the play Annie in Haliburton and A Little Study and Scheming at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery."

Not to mention the numerous writing and art contests she likes to enter. It's not a surprise when Teghan says she'll be spending her summer at the Trillium Lakelands Arts Camp this June. Owen will also be keeping busy during the warm months. He'll be taking a trip to Quebec to perfect his kayaking skills.

Although school is coming to an end, there's no doubt these two will keep themselves busy.

Their prime minister hats will be hung, but the pair will undoubtedly be leaders as they embark on a new journey in high school.



School prime ministers Tegan Dodds and Owen Duhaime open up about being student leaders and what excites them most about high school

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Pits and quarries owners are on the clock

Council members debate on suitable pit and quarry hours

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times staff

Last Thursday, Minden Hills council members approved new regulating hours for pit and quarry owners that will be submitted for approval from the province. The established hours are a result of discussions held during a recent Committee of the Whole meeting.

Council adopted the hours that were established in the second draft bylaw which allows for drilling, processing and crushing from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; loading from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and blasting from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

In order for municipal hours to be established, council had to submit set times to the province now that Haliburton County falls under the Aggregate Resource Act.

Municipalities can submit hours of operation to the ministry and, if approved, those wishing to obtain a licence must adhere to the guidelines.

"The municipality has put together a policy which focuses on hours of operation, particularly within those areas where pit and quarries are located in close proximity to residential areas," said Councillor Peter Oyler.

The province can agree, reject or amend the established hours the township has suggested. Currently the township is waiting to hear back from province.

Some pits and quarries are in isolated areas. If they were busy beyond the hours of operation it wouldn't cause a disturbance to others. Council discussed the idea of providing exemptions for these owners. However, several councillors believe that would make for unfair competition.

"I don't think you can regulate hours of operation on one pit or quarry different from another. It allows a business operator to be open longer to serve the public or contractors representing the public," said Oyler.

If certain pits or quarries can operate for an extended period of time, those near residences will face an unfair burden of trying to keep up with their competition, said Councillor Bill Obee.

"A pit or quarry owner might have to buy more trucks or hire more people to keep up," said Obee.

Council must balance the needs of pit and quarry owners while respecting residents' needs for peace and quiet. Councillors Barbara Reid and Obee debated suitable times that would please everyone. Both agreed that the decision would not be an easy one to make.

"Mr. Obee thought the hours should be longer and I thought they should be shorter," says Reid. "I understand the dilemma because you can't really have one set of rules for certain pit and quarry owners. ."

Obee supports the hours that were established in the second draft bylaw. These hours, says Obee, would allow for contractors to deliver materials at times that would be more suitable for cottagers.

"Seasonal residents want to be there when materials are delivered to their homes on Saturdays," said Obee.

'I think it's a great budget'

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lagoon, consulting fees for the septage plant and the 25-year waste management plan are also included in this figure.

One of the big ticket items purchased this year is a $240,000 grader and a $40,000 pickup truck. The Dorset garage will also receive $11,000 for a new furnace. Other large purchases include $25,000 for a well and septic survey for the Oxtongue Fire Department and $135,000 for Stanhope Fire Department's third bay in the fire hall.

Stanhope Airport, which is slated to expand and include a new cross-wind runway, will receive $60,000 for a new hangar, $10,000 in security fencing and $5,000 for a heater in one of the existing hangars.

"With the airport, it looks like $217,000 in revenue will be coming in (this year) and our expenses are $309,000. A portion of the airport is funded from taxes and a combination of projected fuel sales and other fees," said Mitchell.

The township will also put $10,000 towards creation of a storage facility in the basement for municipal files.

"I think it's a great budget," said Mitchell.

Box contains body of Harley Walker

by JASON BAIN
Special to the Times

A large box unearthed near Norland last Thursday contained the remains of a missing senior who had been missing for nearly seven months, Toronto Police confirmed Monday.

The body was found in the box buried near a roadway leading into a nature camp just east of the hamlet, Det. Sgt. Pauline Gray of the Toronto Homicide Squad told those gathered in the media gallery at the force's general headquarters.

"Dental records confirm the body was that of Harley Walker, 72, of Toronto," she said.

With the help of the OPP canine unit of Const. Don Shearer and cadaver dog Rosie, what Gray described as a "clandestine grave" was discovered near Camp Endobanah on Monck Road near Buller Road.

The box was excavated and taken to a morgue before being moved to the Ontario Centre of Forensic Science's pathology unit, where a post mortem determined the cause of Walker's death to be stab wounds to the chest, Gray said.

David Reid, 46, a former investment banker from Mississauga, remains in police custody charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of Walker, who

A police photographer takes pictures at the location the box was found.

was last seen on Oct. 13, 2006.

The pair had been acquaintances for about three months prior to the senior's death, Gray said, adding they had contact "several times." They are believed to have gotten to know one other through an Internet chatroom.

Police believe the murder happened in Toronto and Walker's body was transported and buried, Gray said. She described the box - which Det. Ian Briggs previously described as about four-by-two-by-two feet in size - as a "storage-type container."

Gray would not say more about what happened leading up to Walker's death, noting that the case remains in its preliminary stages before the courts.

As previously reported, Briggs said Walker was targeted "purely for financial gain."

"The only person who would know the true motive is Mr. Reid," Gray, who would not be more specific, told reporters in Toronto Monday.

Forensic samples were taken from Walker's Cabbagetown home and a U-haul van police believe Reid used to move the body.

No murder weapon has been recovered, Gray said.

Police have believed "for some time" that Walker was deceased, she said, noting how his regular activities, like use of a bank account, ceased.

"Those things stopped and never started again," she said.

Gray would not say exactly what led police to the site on Monck Road, saying instead that "many, tiny pieces of information" were used to solve the case.

The detective sergeant also did not say whether or not Reid himself was the source of any information.

Walker's relatives in England and "close friends" in Canada were told of the discovery, Gray said, noting that a memorial service to honour the former CBC technician is planned for June 2 at 1 p.m. at 519 Church Street.

The detective sergeant thanked all those "who called police with information no matter how minor or apparently insignificant they thought it was."

"It's because people took the time to call, to get involved, combined with the seamless teamwork between the Toronto Police Service and the OPP that Harley Walker's murder was solved and his remains found and recovered," she said.

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Helicopter lands near bush to rescue injured ATVer

by LAURA HENDRICK
Times Staff

A 22-year-old Bracebridge man was airlifted to hospital on Saturday afternoon after being thrown from his three-wheeler near Pine Springs Road north of Minden.

Ronald Bennison received non-life threatening injuries when his vehicle hit a dip in an access road, west of Highway 35.

When the accident occurred just after 4 p.m., two of his friends rode 20 kilometres to Kushog Corners Cottages to call for help. They were met on scene with officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment along with members of the Stanhope Fire Department. Bennison was taken away from the trail by ambulance before being transferred by air at 6:15 p.m.. The helicopter was able to land in one of the old logging landings in Hindon Township.

"They did a wicked job," said deputy fire chief Keith Thomas of the Stanhope Fire Department. He said that Bennison had full movement but complained of pain in his collarbone and back.

Three-wheelers are no longer being sold in Canada because of a track record of serious accidents. The president of the Haliburton ATV Association, Hugh Trask, said they are too unstable to drive safely. "The minute you give it a little bit of gas, it just lifts right up," he said. "Then you can't get your hand off the throttle because you're trying to stay on."

Trask saw Bennision earlier in the day when Bennison was travelling with a group of friends near Cinder Lake. The group included a mix of dirt bikes and other ATVs. They asked him for directions to Baysville as they were running low on gas.

Youths face mischief charges

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment were called to the Village of Minden Friday night after someone called to report that a window at Coneybeare's Butcher Shop had been smashed.

The officers spoke to witnesses at the scene and located the suspects a short time later. Three Minden area youths have been charged with Mischief Under $5,000 contrary to the Criminal Code. The youths will be appearing in Minden youth court in relation to the charges and the investigation is continuing.

Register for hockey next week

It seems like winter has only melted away and yet the Highland Storm hockey association is already gearing up for the return of snow and ice. The association wants to get an early start on registration.

Young players and their parents are asked to one of the following sign-up meetings:

May 15, 16 and 17 from 7-9 p.m. at Fleming College, 297 College Drive, in Haliburton.

In the fall of 2006, Rose Isaacson and Sam Gaudet saw many of their possessions go up in flames when their Kinmount home caught on fire. Last week they asked some of the people who helped them deal with the devastation to their home, which has been totally restored.

Fire victims rebuild their lives

by JASON BAIN
Lindsay Daily Post

Fire and smoke destroyed the inside of their Kinmount home, but six months and $170,000 in repairs later, Rose Isaacson and Sam Gaudet just wanted to say "thank you".

Last Monday, they invited those who helped put out the Oct. 28, 2006 blaze to see their restored home at 8460 Monck Rd., just west of the village. The pair had moved back in near the end of March.

"Everybody was just great. We couldn't have asked for any better," Isaacson said of the support they received while serving refreshments at the gathering.

Those on hand included Kinmount fire station co-ordinator Jim Laver, fellow firefighter Jack Lafferty, Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue Service Chief Dave Guilbault, Christine Bailey of Winmar property restoration and Heather Lawson of State Farm Insurance.

Recalling Isaacson's first venture into the devastated building after the blaze, Bailey said the woman found her home charred "from top to bottom."

"She came inside and she wanted to kick something, but everything was so black, she couldn't," said Bailey, who entered the home with Isaacson.

Although Kinmount, Norland and Burnt River crews contained the flames to the first floor's living room and kitchen area, the rest of the home sustained extensive smoke damage.

Isaacson and Gaudet were not home when a passerby saw smoke coming from the roof and eaves. A hinge-style lamp had teetered onto a chesterfield downstairs.

Initially, the fire service estimated damage at $100,000 to the building and $50,000 to the contents. The final tally for repairs alone was $170,000, Lawson said.

The interior was completely rebuilt, starting at the studs, Bailey said, noting the fire was so hot, even pictures melted and dripped to the floor.

"I even threw out my toothbrush," Gaudet said with a laugh.

Many belongings, including several tables and antiques, were cleaned up with the help of Bailey and Winmar, Isaacson said.

"We're very happy with the outcome," she said, after the group toasted the efforts of everyone involved. "It could have been a lot worse."

Guilbault, too, credited everyone's work since the fire.

"Everyone comes to rescue you in all different ways," Guilbault told those gathered. "At the end, it's about everyone pulling together."

The couple stayed at their area cottage during the restoration. It was a time filled with good and bad days, Isaacson said.

"You take it as it goes and hope for the best," she said.

A community dance was held for the couple with many citizens donating items for auction to raise money for them. "That's what small communities are all about," Guilbault said.

"That just doesn't happen in a big place," added Gaudet, who used to live near Toronto.

Guilbault said the fire rescue service is currently working to become more victim service-oriented, focusing more on community partnerships and working with insurance and restoration companies.

Officials want to become more involved with helping victims, instead of packing up after putting out a fire, he said.

"It just can't be like that any more. It's not responsible to do that . . .this is an example of what we're going to do in the future," he told the gathering, using Gaudet and Isaacson as an example of a pair whose "world is turned upside down."

"Fires are devastating . . . but we have to be sympathetic about what (victims) are going to do over the next several months."

Guilbault also urged all citizens to have their belongings insured in the event of fire.

"It only takes an incident . . . and for what it takes, you have to have insurance," he said.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Rising stars

Archie Stouffer Elementary School students Teghan Dodds and Owen Duhaime have a special spark to them. Named ASES co-prime ministers, the pair carries the title with a level of maturity well beyond their years.

Speaking with the dynamic duo for their profile interview, it quickly became evident that they have the type of go-getter personalities that will provide them with endless opportunities once they graduate this June.

When asked what they will most anticipate when entering high school, their answers were those of true politicians and community leaders.

"I can't wait to go to high school. J.D Hodgson and Archie Stouffer Elementary School will come together and that's really good," said Owen, who could be named the county ambassador for such a remark.

Teghan gave an equally impressive response.

"I like the idea of independence and personal responsibility. It's your job to look after yourself. You also have to learn to lookout for yourself," she said.

These are quite remarkable answers for two 13-year-olds. At such a young age most students are thinking about what to wear the first day of high school, not community cohesion and self-sufficiency.

The pair handles a slew of after-school commitments. Sports teams, volunteering, homework and family commitments are always on the roster once that final school bell rings. How do they juggle it all?

"You have to prioritize your commitments. I used to do too many things. You have to be unafraid to give up one activity. Its great to do a lot of things but you have to make sure it doesn't stress you out because life is suppose to be fun," said Teghan.

This sounds like a piece of advice Dr. Phil would give to his daytime talk-show guests. The delicate balance between work and play, which is an ongoing struggle for most, seems to be mastered by the two.

How they managed to become such experts at life is a puzzle. They've both got strong personas that exude confidence, creativity and more importantly, humbleness.

Teghan and Owen seem unfazed by the amount of praise they receive from their peers and elders. Both strongly proclaim that regardless of how many nods are given to them by others, they will only participate in what makes them happy.

As adults, it's easy to succumb to the pressures of commitments. Often times our passions are put to the wayside in lieu of things we may not want to do. Obviously paying bills and doctor's appointments are priorities Teghan and Owen may not have, but they already know that in order to live a full life, it's important to feed the soul with activities they love.

Perhaps we should take a lesson in learning to always pursue what makes us happy, whether it be painting or that forgotten game of curling. Together they are an example of those who can live busy and hectic lives but are also able to make activities they are passionate about a priority.

This fall, Teghan and Owen will enter their first year as high school students. Minden residents should be proud of how these two exemplary scholars will represent their community. There's no doubt that as they complete their second phase of education, they'll continue to grow into even better students, and teach us all a thing or two about the importance of connecting with people and enjoying the things we love.

- Jessica Young

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A prince in waiting — *Photo by Jessica Young*

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Please stop the burning

To the Editor:

I arrived at Maple Lake Dump at 1 p.m. on Sunday April 29. I thought the dump was on fire. There was so much smoke from the burn pit that the wind was blowing it towards the shack and recycling bins. Every person who came in had to endure a car full of smoke when they opened the window to talk to Doug (the dump attendant). Everyone was engulfed by clouds of smoke when sorting at the recycling bins. It was awful and we were furious.

God only knows what was in the smoke or how toxic it was. Nobody needs to be exposed to this when we go to the dump. This is not the first time this has happened. Doug has a lot of patience having to listen to everybody's complaints about the smoke. If it were me, I would have closed down the dump due to health concerns for the public.

If burning has to be done, do it on the days when the dump is closed to the public. It is time to step up and take more responsible actions, to run this facility more safely and efficiently. Don't get me started on the disgraceful mess the recycling bins were in at Christmastime!

Paul Warham
Kushog Lake

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Tupper where?

BEYOND35

Steve Galea

I DON'T SPEND MUCH time in our kitchen. This is an arrangement that my wife prefers. She says that I'm unorganized and inefficient. Well, listen to this....

The other day she was feeling ill. This meant it was my job to get the kids ready for school. It's really a simple task that includes waking them, ensuring they wash up, brush their teeth, and get a good breakfast. You also keep them on schedule, and make them lunch too.

Things were going along smoothly until we hit the lunch phase of the operation.

That's when I needed Tupperware. The first part was easy enough; after a few minutes of searching I found a herd of containers exactly where you would expect them to be - piled up in the dark and shadowy recesses of a cupboard well beyond the reach of most NBA players. It seemed an odd and highly inconvenient place to store items that you use every day but okay, I thought, at least I found them.

Then, of course, it took five minutes to sort through the various containers because, like most women, my wife has accumulated enough Tupperware of every size and shape to permanently entomb everything in our house, including major appliances, both dogs, the cat and yours truly.

I was starting to lose patience, but then I finally found the proper unit - a 6 cubic-inch number, perfect for the task at hand.

I looked at my daughter and said, "Found it."

But just as the tension in my neck was subsiding, I began poking around the pile for the accompanying lid.

There were no lids.

My eyes bugged out, several veins in my forehead popped, and my face reddened. "I don't see any lids," I mumbled.

"Oh," my daughter said, "Mom keeps them in a different place."

"What?" I hissed. Followed quickly by "Where?" I then began deep breathing exercises, closed my eyes, and imagined my happy place - a place where no one ever needed Tupperware.

"Serenity now!" I whispered aloud. "Where are the lids?"

"I don't know where she keeps them. No one does," she whispered. "But legend has it that they are somewhere in these cupboards and you can hear them moan for their lost bodies when the moon is full."

I might have heard her wrong.

Understand that my wife is a bit of a pot, pan, cup, bowl, and dish junkie. In fact, our cupboards are crammed with items that I'm sure even she has forgotten about. I wouldn't be surprised if they found Amelia Earhart at the back of one of those shelves one day.

Heck, there are places in those cupboards I wouldn't even venture into without a fully stocked survival kit, a good supply of food, and a GPS.

And yet I was supposed to find the right-sized Tupperware lid somewhere in that vast, uncharted wilderness. It was your classic case of finding a needle in a haystack.

My jaw tightened and I mumbled words that children probably shouldn't hear.

The logic of the situation intrigued me. Take a two-piece unit - and separate both pieces. It made as much sense as keeping a pair of shoes in different locations.

The only explanation I could think of was to prevent Tupperware bandits from making off with fully operational units. Or, alternately, to drive me nuts.

I took another deep breath, and muttered, "If I were a Tupperware lid, where would I hide?"

The answer, of course, was simple - somewhere in the back of the top shelf, on the other side, behind the cupcake forms, old thermoses we never use, aircraft wreckage, and the scattered bones of Amelia Earhart. No surprise there, by the way.

Naturally, I never found it. No, my wife heard the commotion and decided to come down to see what was going on.

"Tupperware lids?" I pleaded.

She handed them to me quick as a flash.

Then, she escorted me to my office. Apparently, I'm not very efficient in the kitchen.

The true cost of power

BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

THE GOOD NEWS for the tree-cutting gangs at Hydro One is that they won't need to cut down the helicopter pad at Minden Hospital even though it has a big red H painted on it.

When the red H appears on roadside trees, it was put there by Hydro One foresters and means they the tree will have to come down, or at least have its branches trimmed. The helipad is already horizontal so it ought to be safe.

As for the trees, oh, what a price we pay for our electronic toys!

The environmental costs of power generation are subtle and sort of invisible except on smog days but the price of its delivery is there for all of us to see when trees and branches start coming down.

Tree-trimming seems perfectly reasonable in the abstract. Falling trees and branches knock out power lines, as Haliburton folks were reminded several times in 2006 in what local Hydro manager Joe Mitchell calls a record storm year. (Mitchell's fiefdom is Hydro One's Territory 6, which stretches from Minden to Barry's Bay and Bancroft.)

Tree-trimming might make perfect sense in the abstract but the reality looks different to Tony Finch, who suddenly finds his Scotch Line West establishment stripped of the privacy given it by a lovely row of white pines.

The only time The Brown Dog Jiggs and I met Finch before last week was when his little dogs rushed out to the road to greet us on one of our walks and he had to come out to shoo them back up his driveway.

But each time we walked by his gate, we admired the look of his place, with the trees screening a house and outbuildings that would otherwise have seemed too close to the road.

Unhappily, the pines stood right under the power lines, evidently planted there by some previous owner, and their branches were enveloping the wires. Here were downed lines waiting to happen.

So the trees were doomed.

Now Finch's front lawn is wide open to the world. So is the parking area and the tractor, snow blower and truck that sit on it.

The trees kept the place looking good from the road, says Finch. More than anything else, he is annoyed by the topping and de-limbing of a tree that stands right beside his driveway. "It's a mess," he says.

A man we talked to on Bobcaygeon Road, just north of town, had his own mess to talk about. He knew ailing trees at the front of his property had to come down, but he didn't expect to be stuck with the cleanup.

"It took three of us six hours and I'm still not done," said the man, who asked that his name not be used. "It's all they were talking about at the arena the next day."

Hydro One chips the tree tops and small stuff but, says Mitchell, "we're not loggers. We leave the wood for the property-owner."

Finch knew the tree-cutters were coming. The trees were marked by Hydro One's forestry technicians, who look for interfering branches and trees that are so decrepit that if Hydro One doesn't cut them down, they'll probably fall down anyhow.

Part of the foresters' job is to meet with property owners to tell them their trees need to come down. Hydro One can't impose its decisions on a reluctant landowner without bringing in lawyers but Mitchell says that has rarely, if ever, happened.

However, in the real world, landowners aren't likely to understand fully their right to resist. A forester's career must depend on his ability to make negotiations go smoothly.

In a pinch, a landowner can set conditions or be compensated for his losses. Finch, for example, says he was promised a $500 nursery voucher which he could use to buy shrubs to replace the pines.

By Monday afternoon, the crew trimming on the Scotch Line had worked its way almost as far east as Bobcaygeon Road. Workers told me this year's cut may look unkind because some areas had been let go too long. Not so, says Mitchell, who is trying to establish a six-year tree-trimming cycle.

Across the province, forestry is a $110-million item in Hydro One's budget, a budget stretched to meet environmental concerns.

For example, there is no sensible argument against the ban on the use of herbicides to restrict plant growth under power lines but, in most settings, all of the other controls involve more manpower and, therefore, more money.

None of this makes much difference on Sapsucker Ridge, where we are beyond the reach of Hydro One. Falling trees may be barked at, but they can drop where they will.

More traffic would place burden on the disabled

To the Editor:

This letter was first sent to Township of Minden Hills council.

I reside on Water Street and am suffering from multiple sclerosis and confined to a wheel chair. There are other disabled and handicapped residents on this street as well as many older retired people. We already have difficulty using Water Street to travel downtown for shopping, banking and mail, but we are able to manage in good weather.

Canadian Tire is proposing a big commercial development on Water Street with two entrances off the street and no entrance off Highway 35. They are proposing to build transport loading docks, garbage containers, and a large auto repair shop on Water Street. The resulting increase in transport, truck and car traffic will make it impossible for myself and other handicapped and disabled residents on Water Street to leave our homes. It will also pose serious safety problems for children and many of the older residents of the street.

The noise and pollution from increased traffic, loading docks and a large automotive shop will make it impossible for us to even enjoy sitting outdoors. Those living on Invergordon Ave. may not have to contend with the increased traffic, but they will suffer from the same noise and pollution.

Many of us realize that this development will force us out of our homes, but where can we go? As a result of this big commercial development on Water Street, residential real estate will be devalued to a fraction of its former worth. How will anyone be able to sell a residential property on Water Street? What family with children would live on the street? What retired person would want to live with the increased noise and pollution?

Canadian Tire owns the Brown Owl property on Highway 35 with existing entrances. Why must they enter off

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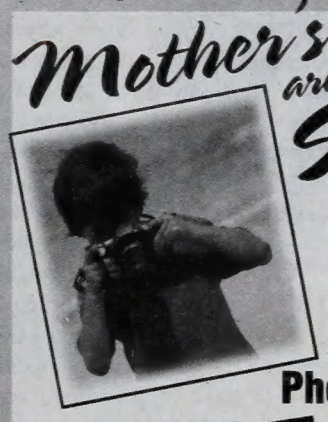

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Resident finds it 'increasingly difficult to be optomistic'

To the Editor:

The following letter was first sent to the reeve and members of members of Minden Hills council.

Having read the April 18th issue of the *Times*, and perused the plans for the new Canadian Tire store, I must express my sadness and disappointment with the obvious lack of interest and concern our elected officials have demonstrated in recent months toward the residents of Minden, especially those of us living on Water Street.

I find it unthinkable that our children must remain endangered each day they attend school. How much would a few of cans of paint set us back? Or the wages of an active senior or three to paint a zebra crossing, then police it three times a day?

I am distressed by the cavalier attitude shown regarding the substantial rise in water and sewage payments. I don't want to hear that "we'll have to pay now or later," Mr. Radcliff, or that "we're getting a good deal," Mr. Oyler. I want to hear that you actually care enough about us to call in others who may have some creative solutions or at least find some time for a bit of brainstorming.

I enjoyed hearing Mr. McMahon say that he puts "representing the people and keeping their interests," first, but his actions prove otherwise.

For almost a year now, our reeve and council (past and present) have been huddling with a developer and Canadian Tire, every meeting behind closed doors, leaving the residents of Minden to rely on rumors picked up with the coffee at Tim Hortons. Four houses on Water St. were bought and sold (one moved) and still no word to the residents about what was happening in our town.

The Canadian Tire building plans that council is now willing to let us to see and rubber stamp include large driveways off Water Street, so increased traffic, transports, and other large vehicles can rumble up and down the one accessible scenic drive we have in town; and shipping doors that will face anyone rambling along Riverwalk (our one bit of beautification already committed to by council for funding).

Has any environmental assessment been carried out? In filling a flood plain to raise the land and support such a building will surely send this wetland's water elsewhere, no doubt seeping into the basements of neighbors, or possibly into the Gull. Will Canadian Tire care about us enough to alter its building plans or give some serious thought to the environment? Or at least consider flipping its plans so the ongoing sound and exhaust from six busy auto repair bays can travel out to Highway 35 and not into our backyards and across the Gull River? Does council care that between six and nine homes on Water Street will be sandwiched between an already busy road and a wide driveway, the residents affected by car exhaust and diesel fumes from passing traffic and automotive repair bays? Has Canadian Tire, or council, given any thought to the dangers of noise and air pollution; about noxious fumes and gases being pumped into our backyards and homes; glaring floodlights shining in our windows and across the Gull, obliterating starry skies and disrupting bird flight at night?

And when we do come with legitimate complaints about the assault on our health and contentment, will there be any interest in us? Currently (thanks to Walkerton), we do have one environmental officer whose sole interest it is to protect our drinking water. Will we have appropriate bylaws in place to protect what remains of our environment? Some policies to ensure additional protection?

If I sound bitter, I am. Given council's sorry history of ignoring the health and safety issues of our residents (Reg Holloway comes to mind), I find it increasingly difficult to be optimistic.

Yours hopefully,

Marjorie Green
Minden

Why use Water Street?

from page 7

Water Street and destroy a beautiful residential Street? Why must they locate garbage containers, loading docks, a noisy large automotive repair shop and a large retail store entrance facing Water Street instead of Highway 35, where it is not as likely to disturb the surrounding residents?

There are so many questions that must be answered, but perhaps the biggest question is how can our council sit by and allow this to happen? How can council allow the unreasonable wishes of one corporate citizen destroy the lives of so many residents? Surely some of the council members care about the disabled, the handicapped, the elderly and the children of our community.

Council was voted in to represent us - will none of you speak up for us?

Jeff Pinney
Water Street Resident
Minden

'We need forward thinking, not reminiscing'

To the Editor:

I am a resident of Minden but do not live in town. Firstly, I look forward to having this development come to Minden because this town needs to grow and prosper. Although a picturesque place to live and retire, there isn't much opportunity here for everyone else. We need a council that is forward thinking, not backward reminiscing!

It has been said for a while now that Haliburton County is the "next Muskoka" but where is the planning for this eventuality? Is there a town plan that sets out directives for development? One that will sustain the essence and charm of our community while welcoming development with open arms? I understand the excitement generated when a large company wants to establish itself here, but it is not supposed to be at the expense of what makes this a great place to live. Development is still possible without detracting from the charm and aesthetics of our town. How much will this driveway off of Water Street do that? If the proposed plan put forth by Canadian Tire is enough to raise an alarm, did no one have questions before that?

I doubt Canadian Tire purchased the properties in question to provide itself with an unobstructed view of the river. If Canadian Tire has provided a proposed building plan, then they have already put much thought and money into its presentation. Why are issues raised after things have been put into motion causing delays and hold-ups? Did no one wonder why the houses on Water St. were purchased in the first place?

We need to promote development here as much as possible. Our town, community and school systems depend on Minden being a viable place to live and earn a living.

Perhaps if a company comes looking for a place to set up shop in the future, part of the decrepit industrial park could be utilized? Let council make a deal on that one... throw in a few amenities to make it more of a bargain, and the zoning wouldn't even have to change! I'm sure the existing businesses there would appreciate the additional traffic and exposure! The industrial park eyesore would be replaced and commercial development companies wouldn't interfere with the charm of our tourist attractions!

Sharon Luke
Minden

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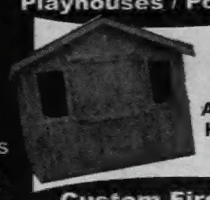

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A round of applause for the dead poets

To the Editor:

Sometimes it is difficult to match or better a performance. No trouble for the Dead Poets Society, since the sequel to the original outing the Dead Poets Idol was better than the first. A change in format, with stellar deliverances by an outstanding panel of judges and a very good selection of poets portrayed by local performers in costume, certainly gave an appreciative audience an evening to remember.

It would, I believe, be a very good idea to continue the programs and I really hope there will be more in the future.

Gil Scott
Minden

Council cares about Minden's library

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library, I am writing to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Minden Hills xouncil for its support, enthusiasm and futuristic vision for culture and the arts in Minden Hills.

With council's firm commitment to the recommendations of the Golden Report to the need for library development in Minden, it places the township as being the leader in Haliburton County with the provision of a newly renovated and expanded library.

In conjunction with the recently expanded art gallery, the Ontario Trillium Foundation funded museum renovations and the soon to be constructed R.D. Lawrence Place, the new library expansion will make the cultural centre a hub of activity, as well as contributing to the economic growth of Minden Hills.

Once again, my congratulations to council!

Eleanor Malcomson, Chair
Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library

Climate change is not 'normal'

To the Editor:

re: 'Climate change a natural phenomenon,' letter

Mr. Beers should take his head out of th sand and look at reality. There is nothing normal about the depleting ozone layer, earthquakes where they haven't had them in centuries, the increase in severe weather all around the world and the loss of vegetation and marine mammals and fish of all kinds (some to the point of extinction because of the warming of air and water temperatures.) We all have seen the pictures of the Great Arctic Ice Shield falling apart and dispensing great amounts of fresh water into our salt water oceans. This will devastate the ocean environment and raise our water levels to the point where water covers much of the world.

Wake up Mr. Beers – and anyone else with this line of thinking, which I think includes our present governments.

Irene Chartrand
Algonquin Highlands

Good for a laugh

To the Editor:

Thank you for printing, repeatedly, Bill Beer's entertaining theories about global warming.

I look forward to reading his comments on similar facts such as the earth is flat, guns don't kill people, the chicken came first, and the trees that fall in the forest without anyone around do not make a sound.

S. McCormick
Minden

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Just a reminder that "Silent Sitting Circle" is on every other Sunday morning from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Zion United Church right here in Carnarvon. There is a 10-minute teaching at the beginning with a question period at the end. Remember that there is no religious affiliation to these groups. It's your choice whether to take part in the discussion or just go for the silence.

We all need silence in our lives. Acquiring this ability enhances personal inner peace. In a group it creates group energy. Call Brenda Peddigrew 489-3509 for more information.

By the time you have read this I will have already been in the hot seat at Canoe FM. Joan Cameron graciously invited me to speak live. Thanks Joan!

If you can relate to public speaking you will understand. It takes me back to Grade 4 or 5 when my project was on the future. When reading it in front of the class I mistakenly said "atomic" instead of "automatic". I can still remember the laughter. Especially when my essay was on future appliances. Probably that was the end of my career as spokesperson for anything.

This coming weekend The Red Umbrella is re-opening for business. They have been busy sprucing up for the new season. They are a pet-friendly resort with beautiful grounds and gardens. With an excellent view of the lake.

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More info? Call Kim or Sue at 489-2462.

Have a wonderful week.

Jessica Young/TIMES

A proud sendoff

Bryn Styles, past district Rotary governor, and Bob Walli, president of the Minden Rotary Club, stand proudly outside Mark's Chinese Restaurant this past Monday with rotary member Bill Obee. Obee will go on a 6-week trip to South Africa for a group study exchange with students to gain cultural and work experience.

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A quarter century of song

Zion United honours its long-standing choir director

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times staff

Jessica Young/TIMES

Members of the Zion United Church choir sang Melissa Steven's praises during a special ceremony for her last Sunday.

Zion United Church members have been working feverishly since February to plan Melissa Steven's 25th anniversary celebration as choir director. This past Sunday they pulled off the surprise without a hitch and threw a grand ceremony in her honour.

"This is special, 25 years is a long time to work at the same place," said Stevens.

Stevens thought something was amiss during regular Sunday service when Rev. Max Ward showed up to sing in the choir. He was on holidays, so his presence got her wondering what he was doing.

"The schedule of my vacation is up on the bulletin board and we had another preacher come in. I was there and it was odd. Usually when the minister is on vacation, he doesn't come in, but I wanted to be a part of this event," said Ward.

Joan Chapple acted as emcee for the special occasion and after service she greeted Melissa with words of congratulations on her musical milestone. Stevens was smiling ear to ear when she was presented with a special plaque for her achievement and money for a shopping spree.

Chapple casually asked Stevens one day after church how long she'd been choir director. Once she knew this year was Stevens' banner year, she knew something had to be done. During a church council meeting, Chapple and church members took it upon themselves to create a part for Stevens in secret.

"I was the one who hired Melissa for the job. I'm the only living person left. It was Cary Doey and I, he has since past away. It's very special," said Chapple.

As emcee, Chapple introduced church members and Stevens to several heartwarming performances. Two songs were written by Steven's husband Greg Saunders and another by Chris Archer in honour of her accomplishment. Choir members belted out their best for their favourite musical leader with Jessie Pflug on piano.

"Fairest Melissa, leader of the Zion Choir, thanks for the past 25 great years. Truly, you're crazy and most amazing, to make us sound good for all these years," sang the choir members.

Another touching and humorous performance was by Jim Hicks. He rhymed his way through a two-page poem about how Stevens has inspired everyone she had met through her dedicated and youthful spirit.

As everyone mingled and ate sweet goodies after the special presentation, Steven's husband took time to talk about his beloved wife.

"We've been together 24 years and I'm still amazed. I quit trying to keep up with her 22 years ago. She's talented, hard working, and passionate about what she does," said Saunders.

He jokes that he calls himself Mr. Melissa Stevens and suffers from Prince Philip syndrome. Mr. Melissa Stevens was beaming with pride.

As a musical marvel, she is clearly respected and admired in her community. Around the room people took time to look at the collage of photos the church committee created. She had a line-up of well-wishers who wanted to congratulate and thank her for work.

"She's very caring. She strives for excellence," said Rev. Max Ward.

Glena Koehler retired to Haliburton in 2002 and joined the Zion United Church choir under Stevens' direction. Koehler had a front row seat to watch Stevens receive her praise.

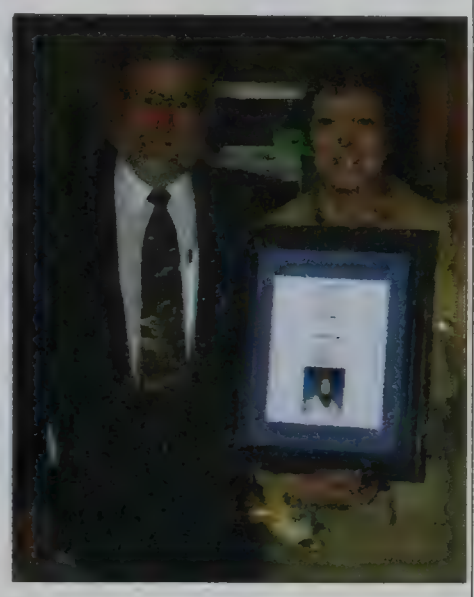
"She's a gifted musician to the rural area. She's a wonderful person too," said Koehler.

Stevens has been a Zion United Church member since 1982 and is a musical director for Zion and Haliburton United Church, the Messiah Choir, Highlands Male Chorus, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Choir and for a college in Lindsay. She's also a full time teacher at HHSS teaching tourism and hospitality.

With such an impressive resume, it's no wonder that Stevens was given the honour of being Highlander of the year in 1999. This past Friday she also received recognition from the Haliburton Arts Council as she was given the Artist of Distinction Award.

An avid baker, seamstress and cook, Stevens seems to have an endless supply of energy and enthusiasm. For the many who hold a special place for her in their hearts, rest assured that Stevens is looking forward to her future in Haliburton.

"I'll be here for a while. Haliburton is a busy and happening place. It's very artsy and cultural."



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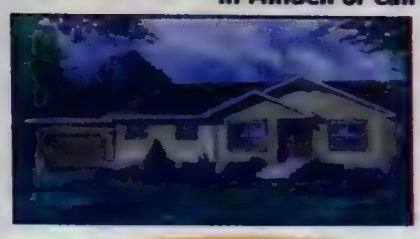

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• **May 10:** The Social Recreation program at Community Care offers an afternoon of Bid Euchre & Board Games to seniors. The fun begins at 1 p.m. Call 457-2941 for more info. Join us, meet new people & have some fun.
• **May 10:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info. call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
• **May 10:** Pritchard House Gift Shop will be opening for the season on Thursday. Hours are Thurs. to Sat., 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
• **May 11:** The Social Recreation program at Community Care offers an afternoon of Cribbage to seniors. The fun begins at 1 p.m. Call 457-2941 for more info.
• **May 11:** African Film Night, Minden United Church, doors open at 7 p.m. Two films about African grandmothers & orphans, Abbey North Drummers, Silent Auction, African refreshments. The Minden hills Grandmothers to Grandmothers Group has chosen to donate all proceeds from this event to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. For information, call 286-2198.
• **May 11:** Community Care Diner's Club meets for lunch at the Martinwood Resort at 12 noon. These luncheons are available to seniors & adults with disabilities & their caregivers. For more information on these luncheons, please call 457-2941. Come out, eat, socialize & have fun!
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• **May 14:** Reiki Monthly Share Group – next meeting is at Of Sound Body in Minden at 7 p.m. For further information call Marie Pentesco at 286-4047 Reiki Master/Teacher.
• **May 16:** Minden Community Forum – 2nd in a series of Forums. Hear about "Riverwalk" from Roy Haig & "Communities In Action" from Kate Hall at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Wed., at 7:30 p.m. Hear Their Vision – Ask Your Questions. For more info. call Don at 286-1305.
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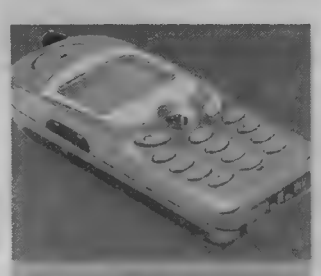

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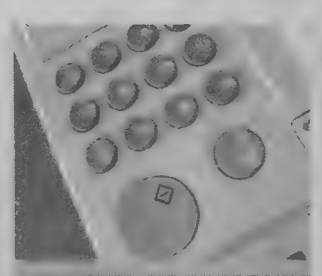

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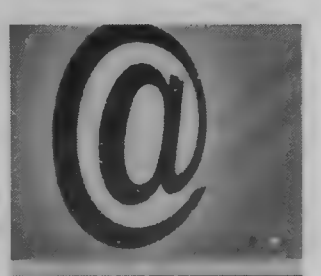

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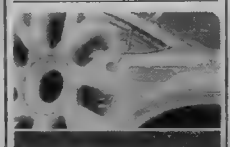

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Vans/ Trucks A420

FOR SALE - 1996 GMC Suburban 4x4, air, buckets, third seat, tow pkg., oiled yearly, maint. records. $4,800. Evenings 286-1478
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Vans/ Trucks A420

FOR SALE - 1993 Chev Astro Van, good running condition. $1,000. Call 286-3417
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RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Boats & Access A460

FOR SALE: 1995 Bayliner 1700LS Bowrider, 120hp motor, incl trailer. $8,000, serious inquiries only. Call 489-3188
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Two rooms with private entrance or 1 room with entrance thru main office.
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WANTED TO RENT: Quiet, mature, responsible professional seeking year-round accommodation in Haliburton County. Furnished or unfurnished. Preferably on/near water. Non-smoker. No pets. Respectful of nature and the property of others. Available June 1st. Call 705-489-2058 or (Cell) 416-994-0532

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RENTALS

General Employment A800

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Wages based on experience and performance.
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Must have valid driver's licence.
Duties include general maintenance, sales and customer service. Canoeing knowledge an asset. Please send resume to L. Maw, P. O. Box 219 Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Careers A780

The Times / Echo

Advertising Sales Representative

Osprey Media is seeking an advertising sales representative for a recently created position in our growing sales department.

Working in Haliburton and Minden and the surrounding communities, the successful candidate will be selling and servicing clients, both one-on-one and by telephone.

Responsibilities include:

Sales preparations, develop print marketing plans, client contact, meeting or exceeding account revenue targets, copy writing and administrative follow-up.

Qualifications:

- A background or training in sales and/or marketing,
- Excellent communication and presentation skills highlighted by an understanding of client marketing requirements.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced and deadline- oriented environment.
- The successful applicant will be required to have a valid driver's licence and a reliable vehicle. Remuneration includes a base income and commission.

We would like to thank all applicants for their interest in this position; however, only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

Send resume by Friday May 11th,
in confidence to:

David Zilstra, General Manager,
Haliburton County Echo / Minden Times
146 Highland Street P.O. Box 360
Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
dzilstra@haliburton echo.ca

HELP WANTED

The Communities in Action Committee has a Research Assistant position available for a student to gather information and contribute to the creation of an active transportation plan for the Village. The start date for the position is May 22nd; the length of the contract is dependant on funding. Students must be eligible for positions funded through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. Please see our website for a full position description www.ulinks.ca.

Please forward a cover letter and resume by May 16th to Kate Hall at U-Links Box 655 Minden ON K0M 2K0, fax: (705) 286-3511, email: kate.ulinks@on.aibn.com.
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Cars A400

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FOR RENT - Furnished, one-bedroom apartment. On Moore Lake (between Norland and Minden). Phone 705-454-3024.
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General Employment A800

HELP WANTED
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EDUCATION

Lessons & Classes A890

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Coming Events A940

African Night Movies & Silent Auction
Friday May 11, 7 p.m.
Grandmothers to Grandmothers
Minden United Church
Entrance by Donation
10610382

Ready for something new?
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Coming Events A940

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General Employment A800

HELP WANTED: Custom home company is looking for 2 skilled carpenters for jobs in the Dorset area. Please send resume and salary expectations to The Times, P.O. Box 97, Minden, ON K0M 2K0 Attn: **Code 100**

DRIVER WANTED: June 26 - Aug 28
Daytime split-shift, loading and unloading requiredd. Van provided. Age 18+ Class G drivers licence. $12/hour incl. bonus. Call 705-728-8820 or visit iwantasummerjob.ca

HELP WANTED - Summer Student position available at Photo Solutions. 30 to 32 hours weekly, closed Sunday. The reliable applicant will be assistingcustomers with their digital images while using the Photo Kiosk. Position will be from June until the long weekend in September.Please take applications to Photo Solutions.

DORSET HERITAGE MUSEUM - NOW HIRING!
One university student required to help with the recording of contents of the museum to database. Computer skills an asset and interest in our local history an advantage. The position is dependent upon government funding.
Tourism Information Person to help welcome visitors to our museum. This is a position at the reception desk for both the museum and tourist information office. The position is dependent upon government funding.
Please forward resumes to the Dorset Heritage Museum, P.O. Box 84, Dorset, P0A 1E0 or email to dhm@muskoka.com

Coming Events A940

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Sat June 16, 2007
Antiques/memorabilia /handcrafted goods/yard sale items brought to you by Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre
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Coming Events A940

YARD SALE
Haliburton County FairFundraiser & 50/50 Draw
May 12, 2007 at 8 a.m.
Minden Fairgrounds Quonset Hut
Rain or Shine!
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Coming Events A940

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Sale date: May 19, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. 26 Prince St.

The Annual & General Meeting
of the
Haliburton County Community Radio Association
CANOE FM
will be held on
May 23rd ...at 7:00 pm
at the
Haliburton Curling Club
for further information call
Betty Moffatt
489-3021

General Employment A800

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Qualifications:
- Demonstrated experience in the operation and maintenance of a kitchen/cookery facility.
- Demonstrated ability in cooking for groups up to 30 people.
- Must have good interpersonal skills and be able to supervise several staff.
- Ability to function in a camp setting with young adults.
- Knowledge of Ministry of Health regulations is an asset.
- Cooks Certificate is preferred.
- Willing to work flexible hours to provide and supervise 3 meals a day at meal-times set out by the Camp Coordinator

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2 houses downsizing!
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Rain date May 19.
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Garage Sales G100

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May 19, 7 am - 12 pm
44 Parkside St, Minden
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Peter O'Reilly pictures for sale
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YARD SALE!
MAY 19, 8 am - 6 pm
Baby items, clothes, nick-nacks, books, flowers. 1139 Swan Rd off Queens Line, Minden
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YARD SALE
Saturday May 19, 9 a.m.
72 Invergordon Ave., Minden Village
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Watch for signs.
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Long Weekend
Yard Sales around the county

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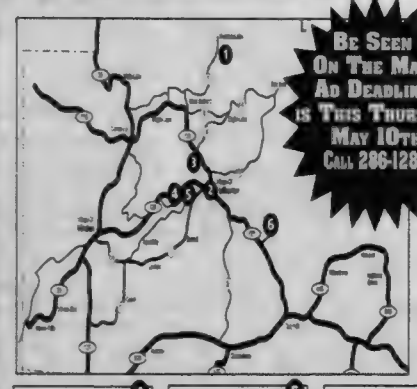

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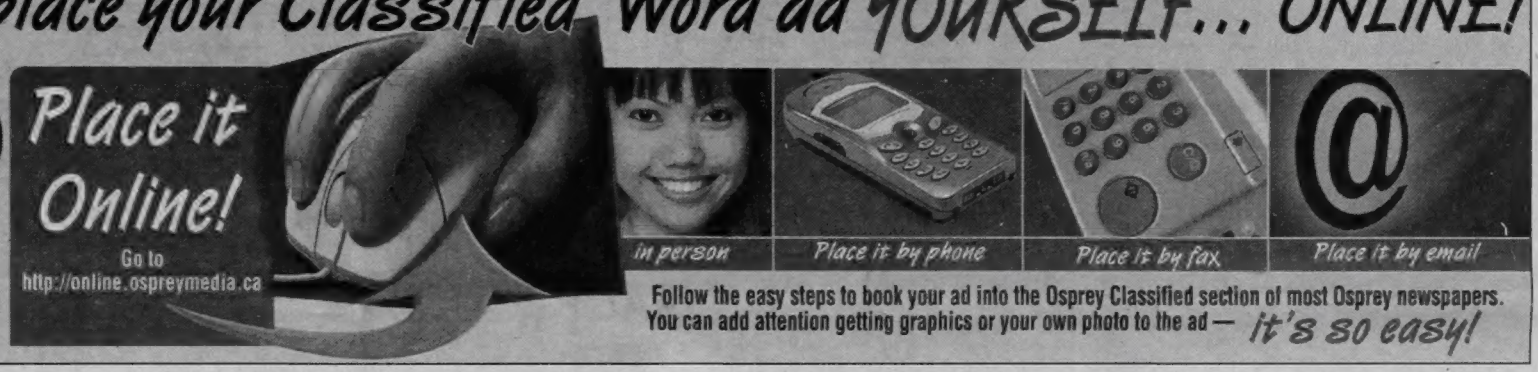

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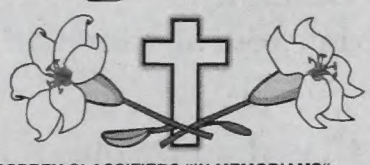

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Deaths

DUGAN, Wilhemine Helen (Nee Duxbury) Died peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, May 4, 2007 in her 84th year.

Loving mother of 4 daughters, Gloria Sawyer (Fred), Freda Davis (Bill), Carolen Clark, and Nancy French (Rob). Wonderful grandma of Ed Davis (Sigh), Jim Sawyer (Tracy), Sherry Mulholland (Bill), Debbie Sawyer, Charlene Davis, Dan Clark (Kim), Chris Clark (Callie), Crystal Dugan and Haley Hogan. Dear great grandmother of 9 and 1 deceased. Sister to Muriel Pyette of Tehkummah, Goldwyn Duxbury of Wikemikong, Irwin Duxbury (Orpha) of Espanola and predeceased by sisters Madeline, Freda and Hilda

Friends were invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**,127 Main Minden K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday,May 8, 2007 at 1:00 pm.

Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Ingoldsby United Church (downstairs.)

Memorial donations to the Community Care, Haliburton County would be appreciated by the family.
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HALEY, Roberta K. "Bobbie" - (resident of Minden and Matheson) Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Civic Hospital on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at the age of 64.

Loving wife and fishing partner of Richard Haley for 44 years. Loving mother of Tom and Paula of Minden, Brant and Susan of Matheson, Shelley and Lorne of Matheson. Loving Gran of Chad, Kelci, Kody, Ashton, Shelby, Justin and Sarah. Dear sister of Bob, Pat, Grace, predeceased by Ruby, Irene, and Loretta. Daughter of the late Russell and Mary Morisson.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the St. Andrews United Church, 5th Ave., Matheson, Ontario on Monday, May 7, 2007 from 12:00 noon until the time of the Memorial Service at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the church hall (downstairs). Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Hospital building Fund would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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MOORE, Doris Bessie - Peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Wednesday, May 2, 2007. In her 98th year.

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Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 1:00 pm until the time of the Funeral Service in the chapel at 2:00 pm. Reception will be held in the family centre at the funeral home. Cremation.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family.
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MUNSHAW, Pat - (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario) Suddenly at home on Saturday morning, May 5, 2007 in her 56th year. Beloved wife of Garfield (Butch) Munshaw. Loving mother of Tanya (Mrs. Jeff Beaudoin of Cannington and Trisha Sawyer of Tory Hill. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Ryot, Zachary, & Dakota. Dear sister of Jack, Garry, James & Robert. Predeceased by her brother Wayne. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, May 12, 2007 from 2 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 3 o'clock. Rev. Faun Harriman officiating. As expressions of sympathy donations to SIRCH Community Hospice or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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WOOLEY, John - At Haliburton Hospital on Thursday May 3, 2007 in his 79th year. Beloved husband of the late Greta Gainforth. Loving father of Laverne of Gooderham and step sons Brian, Rick, Debbie, & Susan. Dear brother of Dorothy, Ann, Florence, Marjorie & Sid. Predeceased by his brothers Garnet, George, and Jim. Also fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Graveside Service
A Graveside Service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton (date to be confirmed). As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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